

January 29, 2003

Federal Communications Commission  
Commission Secretary, Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
CY-B402  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch:

It's not a secret that Michigan consumers have many choices for local telephone service. You can't miss the television, radio, newspaper, magazine and billboard ads all over the state. The advertisements are proof that Michiganians have several choices for local service. Companies like MCI WorldCom, AT&T, TDS Metrocom, SBC Ameritech and Verizon and the state's many other local providers all offer competitive local phone packages.

Local telephone competition is great for consumers, but it's not enough. Our state needs to have full telecommunications competition, including the long distance market. Right now, SBC Ameritech customers do not have the convenience of one stop shopping. Consumers want choices, competitive prices and comprehensive phone packages for all of their telecommunications services. Until SBC is granted long distance approval, I don't see that happening in Michigan.

I support SBC Ameritech's efforts to gain long distance approval in Michigan. SBC's service quality has improved a great deal and I believe they are ready to enter the long distance market. I think the company's entry into the market will force other phone companies to offer competitive prices and packages that include local and long distance service. It's time to join other states in the country where consumers are enjoying the many benefits of full competition. Michigan residents deserve to enjoy lower phone bills, one stop shopping and more choices.

I remain,

With best regards,

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Sak". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping "M" and "S" that are connected by a horizontal line.

Michael G. Sak  
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76<sup>th</sup> District